

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Environment Committee held at 9.30am on Wednesday 11 November 2020, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs NJ Patrick (Chair), AL Benbow (via zoom to 11.10am), DB Cotton (via

zoom), SD Ferguson, EB Gordon, FJT Gordon, WM Kirton, JM Naylor (from 9.38am to 11.49am), WK Te Awe Awe (to 10.30am), and

GJ Turkington.

IN ATTENDANCE Chief Executive Mr MJ McCartney

Committee Secretary Mrs KA Tongs

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:

Dr J Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships), Dr N Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation), Mr R Strong (Group Manager River Management), Mr G Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information), Mr R Smillie (Biodiversity, Biosecurity & Partnerships Manager), Mr G Bevin (Regulatory Manager), Mr J Bell (Manager Investigations & Design), Ms S Carswell (Coordinator District Advice), Mrs S Williams (Environmental Educator), Mr C Veale (Programme Coordinator), Mr S Hodges (Manager Information Management), Ms A Matthews (Science & Innovation Manager), Mr M Mitchell (Scientist – Water Quality), Ms C Morrison (Media & Communications Manager), Mayor A Watson, Mr P Beggs & Mr A Benadie (Rangitikei District Council), and Mr M Fredericks (via zoom).

Councily, and will by Fredericks (via 200m).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Cr Te Awe Awe to say a Karakia.

APOLOGIES

ENV 20-24 Moved F Gordon/Turkington

That apologies be received from Crs Keedwell and Clarke, and that an apology be noted from Cr Naylor for lateness.

CARRIED

Cr Te Awe Awe noted he would be departing the meeting early.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Public Speaking had been granted to Owhango Alive Group (via Zoom).

Mr Mark Fredericks spoke on behalf of the Owhango Alive Group and gave a brief outline of the origins of the group and also what they had achieved to date. Mr Fredericks expressed the need for funding from Horizons contestable funds which would increase the effect of the Group along the Whakapapa River.

Cr Naylor joined the meeting at 9.38am.



SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Turkington noted a conflict of interest in Report No. 20-154 Regulatory Management Report.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ENV 20-25 Moved

Ferguson/Te Awe Awe

That the Committee:

confirms the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 12 August 2020 as a correct record, and notes that the recommendations were adopted by the Council on 25 August 2020.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Report No 20-150

This item provided Members with an Environmental Education progress report for the period from 1 July 2020 – 30 October 2020. Ms Morrison (Media & Communications Manager) and Mrs Williams (Environmental Educator) summarised the activity reports and the growth of the Enviroschools programme.

ENV 20-26

Moved

Te Awe Awe/Kirton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-150.

CARRIED

DISTRICT ADVICE UPDATE

Report No 20-151

This report informed Members of the District Advice activities carried out over the last financial year 2019-20 and the five month period from 1 May to 30 September 2020. Ms Carswell (Coordinator District Advice) summarised the information in the report and gave a presentation which highlighted the improvement initiatives which had been implemented to improve efficiencies and quality of information provided to customers.

ENV 20-27

Moved

F Gordon/Naylor

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-151.

CARRIED



Cr Te Awe Awe departed the meeting at 10.30am.

RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL - THREE WATERS

Report No 20-152

Mayor Andy Watson, Mr P Beggs (Chief Executive) and Mr A Benadie (Infrastructure Manager) from Rangitikei District Council gave a Three Waters Update presentation to Elected Members.

A moment's silence was observed at 11.00am for Armistice Day.

ENV 20-28 Moved

B Gordon/F Gordon

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the presentation from Mayor Andy Watson, Peter Beggs and Arno Benadie, Rangitikei District Council.

CARRIED

Cr Benbow departed the meeting at 11.10am.

Meeting adjourned at 11.10am.

Meeting reconvened at 11.20am.

NATURAL RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS PROGRESS REPORT

Report No 20-153

This item updated Members of Council's Environment Committee on the progress made in the Natural Resources & Partnership Group's activity over the period 1 July to 30 September 2020. Dr Roygard (Group Manager Natural Resources & Partnerships) provided updates on progress against the annual plan targets and aspects of the Natural Resources & Partnerships Group Operational Plan 2019-20.

ENV 20-29 Moved

Naylor/Turkington

That the Committee recommends that Council:

a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-153 and Annexes.

CARRIED



REGULATORY MANAGEMENT REPORT - AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2020

Report No 20-154

Dr Peet (Group Manager Strategy & Regulation) and Mr Bevin (Regulatory Manager) presented the report which updated Members on regulatory activity for the period August to October 2020.

Cr Naylor departed the meeting at 11.49am.

Dr Peet and Mr Bevin also provided a summary of compliance with municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants, and the current work that was taking place in relation to the implementation of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020.

the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. ENV 20-30 Moved Ferguson/F Gordon That the Committee recommends that Council: a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-154 and Annexes. CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.09pm.	
Confirmed	
CHAIR	GROUP MANAGER STRATEGY & REGULATION
GROUP MANAGER NATURAL RESO	OURCES